



# Glen Huntly Primary School

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## Principal's Report

### Parent Opinion Survey 2011

The 2011 Parent Opinion Survey is to be conducted statewide next week from the 22<sup>nd</sup> August and we would appreciate them returned by 26<sup>th</sup> August. The overall objective of this survey is to collect data about parent opinion across the state, and for individual schools to use this data to inform school improvement. Survey packages are being prepared to send to parents at GHPS for distribution next week. If parents could complete the questionnaire, put it in the envelope provided, seal the envelope, write the name and year level of their child on the back of the envelope and return it to the school by **Friday 26 August 2011**.

The parents who receive the survey are selected by way of a random computer selection process which generates the names of families across the school. Some families may even be selected in consecutive years or some may not be selected for a number of years. There are 40 surveys sent out and the more surveys that parents return the better the chance there is to get a balanced view point. If parents receive a survey and they need assistance filling it out please call the school and we can help you. Schools will receive a report about the responses and survey in late October, which will be tabled at School Council and at Leadership and Staff meetings to look at the strengths and weaknesses and how we can further drive improvement.

### Drawing/Design and caption competition – “What I like about Glen Huntly Primary School”

In last week's newsletter School Council was encouraging students and families to get behind a competition to design a drawing that depicts what they like about GHPS. We hope you have been able to get started on your entry as we would like to have them back by next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. I look forward to seeing the entries come in throughout the next week.

### More Cabaret Thanks

Thank you very to Madhu Das and Andrea Hill for giving the students a wonderful opportunity to learn and practice the Bollywood Dance which was a great item put on at the Cabaret. Also, thank you to Orit Chevalier who helped dress up the dancers in their costumes and apply their accessories. It was a spectacular act to watch and the feedback I have received about it has been amazing.

Thank you also to Rosy and Shirley who drove the truck back to the rental on Friday, but not before it was loaded up with some steel for the recyclers which Rosy also dropped off. This was a great idea using the truck once it was empty and doing another job with it.

Thank you to Shirley who has spent many hours this week washing all the costumes, drying them off and putting them all away. We really appreciate the wonderful job you do with the costumes and it takes a lot of care to rehouse them for another year.

Thank you to Ross Blair and Aunty Merrin (Caitlin Blair 1F) for taking so many photos on the night for us and then offering to put them onto a CD. We will look forward to displaying these at school very soon.

### Whole School House Athletics

Yesterday, all students participated in the House Athletics at Duncan McKinnon. The House Captains were well organised in setting up and decorating their designated areas and keeping on top of their responsibilities for the day, which also included motivating their House members. It was a great performance by all students, who tried so hard for their House and put in so much effort to their race or event. I could see they were really enjoying themselves and this is what participating is all about.

Thank you to Mr John Jacobs for organising the Sports and to all the staff who did a tremendous job as well. It was really good to see some parent spectators down at the track cheering on the competitors too and I'm sure your children enjoyed seeing you there as well. While the weather didn't quite hold and we returned early to school, the day ran very smoothly and Mr Jacobs will be organising some further events to be run at school hopefully tomorrow.

There is also a report from Mr Jacobs and the Sports Captains in this newsletter.

### Junior School Council

A final reminder for everyone, that the Junior School Council would like everyone to support the State School's Relief Winter Warmer Appeal 2011 by ordering a yummy tomato or chicken noodle

soup with a roll for lunch tomorrow, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August. The soup lunch will be served from the **WEST** Site Activities Centre and bring your own mug if possible. If helpers could please arrive between 12.15 -12.30 to help cook before serving on the West Site in the Activities room.

### Working Bee

A notice has gone out to all families inviting them to come to the Working bee this Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> August. Thank you to Rosy Eppinger and Kamila Krauze for coordinating the working bee and we hope to have a great turn out. Don't forget, we have a yummy sausage, hamburger and veggie burger lunch and refreshments at the conclusion.

Libby Alessi - Principal

### NOTICES DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NOTICE</u>
12/8/11	All children	Working Bee
15/8/11	Grade 3 & 4	Melbourne Zoo Excursion
17/8/11	All children	Book Week Theatre Perform.
17/8/11	All children	Book Week Pizza Lunch

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD

**Congratulations** to the following students who received a 'Student of the Week' Award at last Monday's assembly:

**Mandy PB** – Being brave at the Cabaret. Great work  
**Leto PB** –For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Mandy PB** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Evelyn PB** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Rusha PB** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**MJ PT**- Fantastic estimating in Maths  
**Macka PT** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Aina PT** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Freya PT** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Jim PT** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**April 1F** – Wonderful attitude to the Cabaret  
**Blake 1F** – For 100% effort during cabaret rehearsal  
**James 1F** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Daniel 1F** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Caitlin 1F** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Jiya 1F** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Benjamin 1/2K** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Nicola 1/2K** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Daniel 1/2K** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret

**Bianca 1/2K** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Essie 1/2K** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Pia 1/2K** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Miro 2T** – Excellent understanding 2 digit subtraction using number line  
**Romy 2T** – Well organised factual text about the skeleton  
**Zara 2T** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Rosie 2T** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Thiruavani 2T** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Saathvika 2T** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Abby 3/4M** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Jemma 3/4M** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Harrison 3/4M** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Hannah 3/4M** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Noah 3/4M** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Stefanie 3/4M** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Daphne 3/4M** – Great Poetry Writing  
**Fin 3/4M** – Outstanding results in Maths problems  
**Sarit 3/4M** – Great improvement when doing Multiplication Algorithm  
**Gourtham 3/4M** – Excellent recall of times tables  
**Abby 3/4M** – Enthusiastic participation in group discussions about reading sessions  
**Josh 3/4M** - Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance  
**Freya 3/4M** - Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance  
**Daniel 3/4S** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Daniel 3/4S** – A perfect score of 100% when doing a test in long multiplication  
**Noopur 3/4S** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Jahnavi 3/4S** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Ben 3/4S** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Schuyler** - For 100% effort during Cabaret rehearsal & at the Cabaret  
**Jover 5/6P** – Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance  
**Hannah 5/6P** - Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance  
**Vicknan 5/6P** - Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance  
**Christina 5/6P** - Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance  
**Alan 5/6J** - Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance  
**Betty 5/6J** - Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance  
**Elouise 5/6J** - Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance

**Sunny 5/6J** - Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance

**Olivia 5/6J** - Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance

**Linda 5/6J** - Outstanding contribution to the Cabaret Performance

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### **CABARET PHOTOS**

The Cabaret photos will be on display in the office from Monday. You will be able to order copies of the photos for 50 cents each. Thank you once again to Ross Blair and Aunty Merrin (Caitlin's Aunt) for taking the photos on the night.

### **House Athletics 2011**

House Athletics was held yesterday (17<sup>th</sup> August) at Duncan McKinnon Reserve. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all participants. The weather was kind enough to let us finish most of the events before the heavens opened up. As in 2009 we will be completing House Athletics at school this year with the relays (worth double points!) and presentations. We hope this to happen on Friday just before lunch. Of course weather conditions will play a part.

Batman House were successful in winning the 'Spirit Cup' for their outstanding sportsmanship and cheering. Congratulations must go to them as well as all other houses and competitors on the day. I would also like to thank all members of staff and our hard working parent helpers for their ongoing support in making the day a success.

Below is a report of the day written by our sports captains Thirumagal and Bevan. By Friday afternoon we should know the final results. Currently the points stand at:

**Batman – 3430**  
**Mitchell – 2790**

**Flinders – 2900**  
**Hume – 2610**

John Jacobs - Sports Co-ordinator

### **House Athletics Report**

On Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August we had House Athletics at Duncan McKinnon Reserve. The events that we did on the day were Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, 800m, and 100m sprint. We completed the Shot Put and Discus at school prior to Wednesday. We could not complete the relays because the track was too wet.

All the houses competed against each other and there was a lot of healthy spirit. Batman won the Spirit Cup but we still don't know who will win the shield! The relays will be held at school in the next few days.

Thank you to all the teachers who made the house athletics possible. By **Thirumagal and Bevan**

## **GLEN HUNTLY PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NEWS**

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – FETE**

GPA (Glen Huntly Parent's Association) is the social and fundraising sub committee of Glen Huntly Primary school. We are a small group of parents who are very dedicated to raising the additional funds needed to provide our kids with extra equipment, fun activities and facilities not funded by the Government. GPA also hosts social events to bring the school community together.



### **CAKE RAFFLE**

**Congratulations** to Jemma 3/4M on winning Paulina's delicious cookies and thank you Paulina for joining the 'Brave Cooks'.

Next week's 'brave cook' is Yvonne (Lucy PT) so please support Yvonne's efforts and purchase a raffle ticket from your class teacher next Monday for 20cents. You may be the lucky winner!

We are now looking for bakers for Term 4. If you would like to bake a cake please add your name to the list and return to the office. Thank you.

### **State Schools Relief – Soup Day**

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August is Soup Day. Thank you to those families who supported our Soup Day. I'm sure the children will enjoy their soup and roll tomorrow.

Could the parents who have offered to help please be at school between 12.15 & 12.30 to help cook the soup before serving. We will be serving the soup from the Activities Room on the Junior Site.

### **PIZZA DAY – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> August**

To coincide with the Book Week parade we will be serving a pizza lunch. Pizza slices will cost \$2.50 each and must be pre-ordered. Notices went home on Wednesday regarding the varieties which can be ordered.

### **SCARVES**

A big thank you to everyone who knitted a scarf. We have raised **\$535.20** which is a great effort. The money will go towards a new shed for the Garden Club on the West Site.

### **ICY POLES/HOT CHOCOLATE**

Hot chocolate and icy poles are available every Wednesday at lunchtime. You can purchase them for \$1.00 each on Wednesday.

### **House Points – Hot Chocolate – Mugs**

The following houses have received points for students bringing their own mugs for hot chocolate:

	<u>16<sup>th</sup> August</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Batman:</b>	<b>6 points</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Flinders:</b>	<b>5 points</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Hume:</b>	<b>4 points</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Mitchell:</b>	<b>2 points</b>	<b>4</b>

## GLEN HUNTLY PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Cake Raffle Term 3	
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Yvonne
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Christine
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Keerthana
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Juliana
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Michelle
Cake Raffle Term 4	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Rose
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> October	
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Donna
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> October	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Michelle
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> November	
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> November	
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> November	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> December	
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> December	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> December	

## The countdown is on!! Only 80 days until the GHPs fete

### FETE NEWS

Thank you to the following families who have collected vouchers for our Fete:

- Nikola – **Sunny's Fruit & Vegie** \$20 Voucher
- Alvin – **Miss Kitty's Costumes** \$55 fairy dress with accessories
- Ben – **Lewis Pharmacy** \$50 hamper
- Ben – **The Change Agent Network** \$35 book 'Work Smarter, Live Better'
- Keanu & Arsha – 10 x \$20 Quicksales Voucher
- Keanu & Arsha – 2 x \$20 Voucher Caribbean Queen Hairdressing

### TERM DATES

- Term 3: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept**
- Term 4: Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec**
- 2012 TERM DATES**
- Term 1: Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb - Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March**
- Term 2: Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June**
- Term 3: Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**
- Term 4: Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### August

Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	1.00	Soup Day – State School Relief
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	9.00-12.00	Working Bee & BBQ lunch
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11.30-12.30	Book Character Parade
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	1.00	Pizza Lunch
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2.00	Theatre Performance
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2.00	Aust Girls choir audition
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00	Gr 3 & 4 Excursion Zoo

#### September

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep	9.00	Fathers' Day Stall
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	7.00pm	FETE committee Meeting
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	9.00	Preps Healesville Sanctuary
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.30	School Council Finance
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.00	School Council Meeting
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Jump Rope for Heart
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00	GPA Meeting – Activities Ctr
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	7.00pm	Fete Meeting
Fri 23 Sept	2.30pm	End of Term 3 – early finish

#### October

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.00am	Start Term 4
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### Tennis Balls Anyone?

We are in desperate need of tennis balls for our sports program. If anyone can help by way of donation or knows of a tennis club that could help we would be greatly appreciative. Please contact me if you can assist. Thank you. Mr Jacobs